Live Learning Experience: Beyond the Immediate Response to the Outbreak

Thematic session - The Peace Agenda in the post-COVID19 reconstruction

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#BeyondTheOutbreak
Volgograd

- Previously – Stalingrad
- Population > 1 million people.
Previously known as Stalingrad

- 92% of the city destroyed.
- About 2 million dead (both sides included)

Outcome:
- Hitler’s invasion slowed down. Counteroffensive begins.
- Twinning movement is born.

Stalingrad and Coventry - the first twin-towns (1944)
International twinning movement
founded by Volgograd and Coventry, powered by people’s diplomacy

People’s diplomacy:
- engages and unites communities,
- multilateral,
- facilitates intercity links,
- makes communication personal, not formal.
Messages exchange

- Best practices shared
- Support felt
- 2 new Friendship Agreements drafted
- 1 Cooperation Agreement extended
Connection through song on a meaningful date

More than 70 singers, 15 cities
Volgograd as a Center of People’s Diplomacy
Joining efforts for peace!

Thank you for your attention!